

# OMEOP-USNC NEWS<sup>IN</sup> BRIEF

United States National Committee of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education  
Organisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire ♦ Organización Mundial Para La Educación Prescolar

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Cathy Mogharreban is chairing the OMEP Election Committee for 2009. Regional Representative positions for Region 3 (DE, District of Columbia, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV), Region 5 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD), Region 6 (AR, KY, LA, OK, TN, TX), and Region 8 (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, UT) are up for election. All OMEP-USNC members vote for all of these positions. If you have a nomination to make, please contact Cathy immediately at [cmogh@siu.edu](mailto:cmogh@siu.edu)



At the Spring Board meeting, it was decided to also begin using the acronym OMEP-USA besides our official organizational acronym OMEP-USNC. This is done by other OMEP national committees to help identify themselves to the general public and reduce explanations for the alphabet soup. In all official documents, OMEP-USNC will continue to be used. However, members should feel free to use the term OMEP-USA as they feel makes sense to their audience. Both [www.omep-usnc.org](http://www.omep-usnc.org) and [www.omep-usa.org](http://www.omep-usa.org) link to our interim website. Try doing a "search" using both terms and see all the links that come up!!



The World OMEP website has changed its URL! The new website and webmaster are associated with the University of Gothenburg where our World President Ingrid Pramling-Johansson works. You can now find World OMEP information at: OMEP World Organisation for Early Childhood Education, <http://www.ipd.gu.se/english/OMEP/>



Many initiatives are aligned with our World OMEP goals to educate children to become good stewards of our planet. So that we make a strong voice, join forces with these initiatives when you can. One such aligned effort is the conference sponsored by the Environmental Education Association of Illinois. Visit the conference site at: <http://www.eeai.net> Please share similar links with *News in Brief* contacts listed below.



OMEP can celebrate with all NAEYC National Conference attendees on Children's Day, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Together with CRIN (Child Rights Information Network), OMEP Washington Liaison John Surr spearheaded the festivity planning with NAEYC. The event will take place on Friday at the NAEYC Celebration Stage. View the preliminary program at: [http://www.naeyc.org/files/conference/file/09Prelim\\_Online.pdf](http://www.naeyc.org/files/conference/file/09Prelim_Online.pdf)



View some of the highlights of the National Symposium, *The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Why It is Time to Ratify*, which took place in Washington, DC, June 1-2, by going to: <http://childrightscampaign.org/crcindex.php>  
Many OMEP members attended. See Keynote speaker Marian Wright Edelman (sitting beside OMEP-USNC president-elect Judith Wagner) acknowledge our work on behalf of children, "Thank you for what you are doing. You are doing the most important work in the world and don't ever forget it. And don't EVER give up!"